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APPLICANTS: Taupier et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/813,432 EXAMINER: Eliane M. Lazar-Wesley  
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FOR: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 19, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002 ("Office Action"), Applicants file this amendment and response. A petition for a two-month extension of time is filed herewith. With this extension of time, these documents are due on Monday, April 21, 2003 (April 19, 2003 being a Saturday). Please charge any payments or credit any overpayments of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, reference 15966-729.

#### *In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 44-48 without prejudice or disclaimer as drawn to non-elected inventions, cancel claims 2-4, amend claims 1, 29 and 32, add new claims 49-63 and replace the pending claims with the following:

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- C1* 1. (Twice amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of amino acids 48-353 of SEQ ID NO: 22.
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- C2* 29. (Amended) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
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- C3* 32. (Amended) A kit comprising in one or more containers, the composition of claim 29.
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49. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of a variant of amino acids 48-353 of SEQ ID NO: 22, wherein any amino acid in amino acids 48-353 of SEQ ID NO: 22 is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than one of the amino acid residues in the sequence of amino acids 48-353 of SEQ ID NO: 22 is so changed.